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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Director

SUBJECT: Meeting of 6 January 1958

1. A meeting was held, at the request of AFOIN, on 6 January 1958 for the purpose of discussing Air Force requirements for post-mission information pertaining to AQUATONE operations. Present at the meeting were:

[Redacted] CIA  
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Lt. Col. Ray Taylor, AFOIN

2. Lt. Col. Taylor is replacing Lt. Col. Bridge as General Lewis' briefing officer on matters relating to Project operations and will be in charge of a new section of the USAF Intelligence Directorate to be known as AFOIN-2K3. This new component of AFOIN will be responsible for receiving, collating, analyzing and presenting to General Lewis post-operational information such as actual flight plan, reaction, intercept attempts, visual sightings, etc.

3. Col. Taylor asserted that present arrangements for notification of proposed penetration or peripheral flights against the Soviet Bloc (now being furnished representatives of the Reconnaissance Section of the Operations Directorate, USAF, who, in turn, advise General Lewis) adequately fulfill AFOIN requirements prior to operations. This notification is generally limited to an approximate rather than a detailed flight plan.

4. Under present procedures, General Lewis (or his designated representative) receives the DMR and visual sightings reported by the pilot as soon as they are received by Project Headquarters. However, data concerning the flight plan of the aircraft as actually flown is

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not available until a copy of the overlay prepared in the field is forwarded by HTAUTOMAT; and this could be three weeks to a month subsequent to the mission. This delay precludes a timely and accurate evaluation of the reaction inasmuch as there is no flight plan with which to correlate the reaction data.

5. Lt. Col. Taylor requested that he be permitted to visit the Control Center subsequent to a mission and extract from the [ ] coordinates of the actual track flown. Inasmuch as this constitutes no expansion of operational information currently being furnished to Headquarters USAF, but simply speeds up the transmission of same, this authority was granted Lt. Col. Taylor subject to the approval of the Project Director. It was also agreed that HTAUTOMAT would be requested to furnish an additional copy of the mission overlay to the USAF TCO for Lt. Col. Taylor's use and retention.

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6. If you have no objections to the above procedures, they will be made SOP for future penetrations and peripheral missions.

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Acting Director of Operations

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